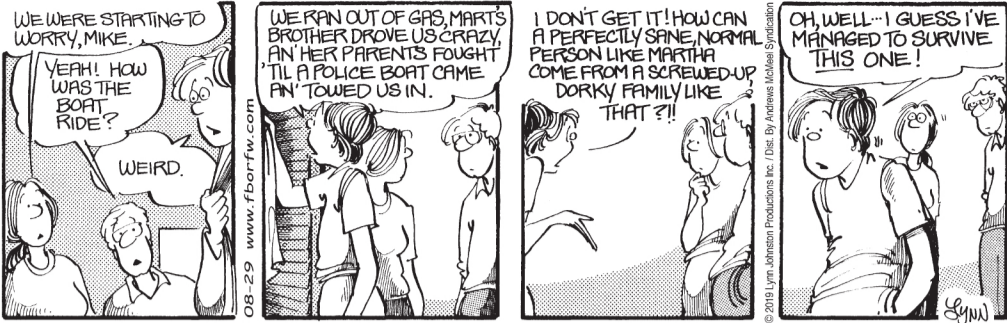


FOR BETTER OR FOR WORSE



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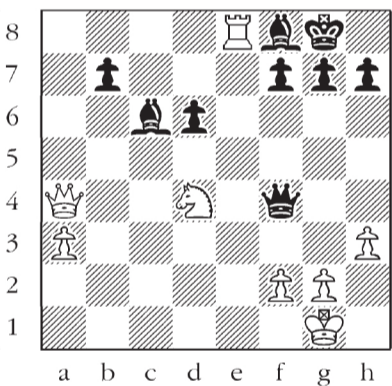
MOTHER GOOSE & GRIMM



PEANUTS



CHESS



WHITE CLEANS UP  
Hint: Pins and forks  
galore.

Solution:

1. Rxf6ch! Kxf6 2. Ne6ch

BRIDGE CLUB BY FRANK STEWART

“My partner’s brain needs a ‘clear memory’ key on its keyboard,” a club player complained to me. “He says he gets lost trying to process everything that goes on during the bidding and play.”

My friend’s partner was declarer at today’s four hearts.

“West led the queen of spades and continued spades,” I was told. “My partner ruffed the third spade and drew trumps, but next he led a diamond to dummy’s king and finessed with his jack. West won and took his ace of clubs for down one. It’s clear that my partner’s memory is overloaded.”

OPENING BID

East couldn’t respond to West’s opening bid, so after he showed the ace of spades, he couldn’t have the queen of diamonds. With six points, he would have responded.

South’s best chance is to cash all his trumps. If West saves his ace of clubs and Q-10-7 of diamonds, declarer exits with a club to end-play him.

If West discards deceptively, saving the Q-10 of diamonds and A-J of clubs, declarer will still have a good chance to go right.

West dealer  
Both sides vulnerable

NORTH  
♠ K 5 2  
♥ K 7  
♦ K 6 5 3  
♣ 9 8 5 4

WEST  
♠ Q J 10 9 3  
♥ 8  
♦ Q 10 7 2  
♣ A Q J

EAST  
♠ A 8 7  
♥ 9 4 3  
♦ 9 8  
♣ 10 7 6 3 2

SOUTH  
♠ 6 4  
♥ A Q J 10 6 5 2  
♦ A J 4  
♣ K

West North East South  
1 ♠ Pass Pass Pass 4 ♥

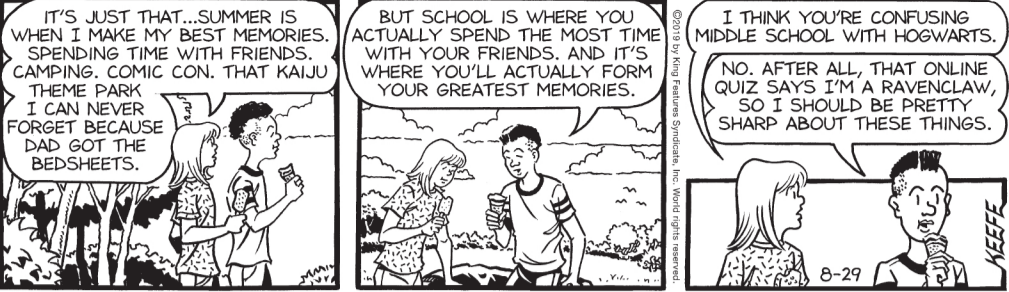
Opening lead — ♠ Q

DAILY QUESTION

You hold: ♠ K 5 2 ♥ K 7 ♦ K 6 5 3 ♣ 9 8 5 4. Your partner opens one heart, you respond INT and he next bids two spades. The opponents pass. What do you say?

ANSWER: Your partner has “reversed” and promises substantial extra strength. Game is likely, but you should not persist with notrump since partner might have a hand such as A Q 4 3, A Q J 6 5, A Q, 7 2. Bid three hearts if you’re sure he won’t pass. Otherwise, bid three spades or jump to four hearts.

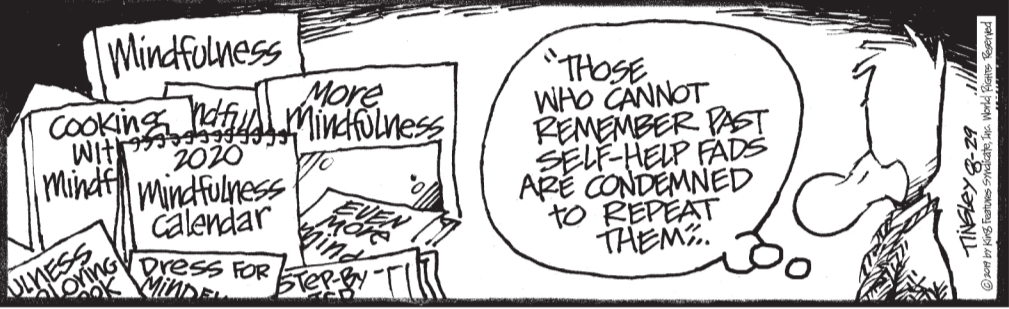
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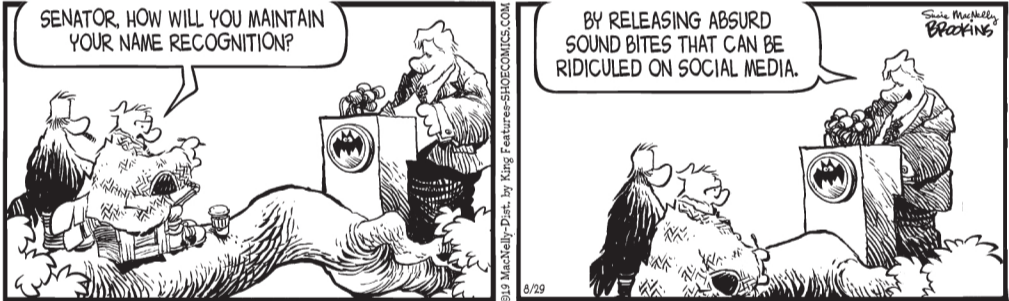
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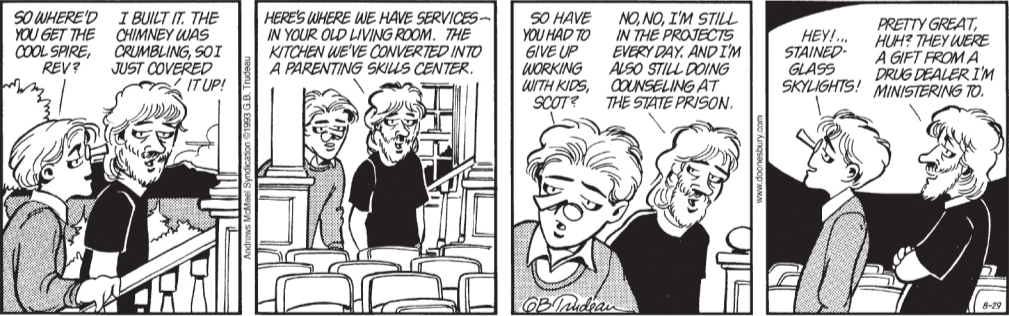
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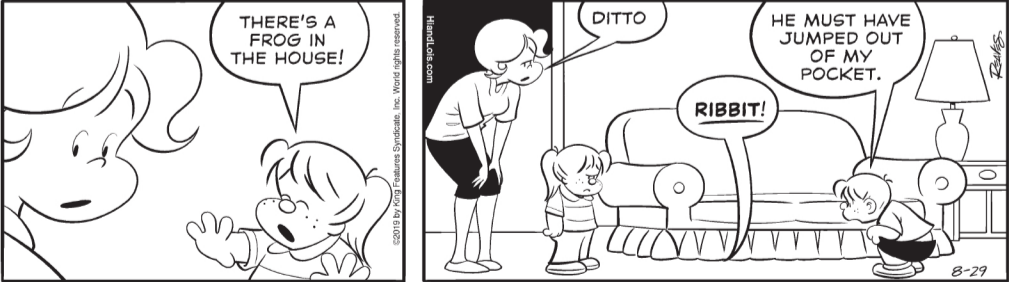
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